

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. That means that they should not use the public airwaves to pass off as news what is in fact a partisan attack ad. They are making a huge donation to a political party without paying and they are violating the spirit if not the letter of equal time requirements.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.